



All about the /J/ sound

- The /J/ sound is made by lifting the tip of the tongue to the bump behind the two front teeth and flattening the back of the tongue so they touch the upper back teeth. The lips are puckered as the tongue is lowered as voiced air is forced out making the /J/ sound. This is the ‘tractor’ sound.

Some common errors for the /J/ sound

- Some children use a /sh/ for /j/ (“shump” for “jump”)
- Some children use a /d/ for a /j/ (“dump” for “jump”)

Awareness activities to develop a child’s recognition of the /J/ sound in everyday conversations

- Emphasize the /J/ sound in your speech
Example: Adult: “I need the jar. Jar has a /J/ sound. Jar.”
For older children, provide the sound’s name too: “Jar starts with /J/.”
- Emphasize /J/ words within the child’s speech.
Example: Child: “Toast with delly.” Adult: “Jelly? You want jelly on your toast?”

Cue child’s production of /J/ using corrective feedback strategies in everyday conversations

Child says: “det” (for Jet)

Adult responds with a strategy that best fits the moment:

Provide a good Model of the /J/ by saying the word again slowly and clearly: “Jet.”

Provide a Visual Cue: Point to mouth and emphasize puckered lips and the /J/ sound as you say “Jet.”

Provide a Verbal Cue: “Listen to the /J/ sound. Jet. I use my tongue pushed behind my front teeth to make a /J/. I pucker my lips, too.”

Provide Feedback: “I heard the /dddd/ sound when you said jet.”

Use a Communication Breakdown technique: “I see a det” or “I see a jet?”

Target Sound Practice designed to give children many opportunities to say the /J/ correctly

Learning speech sounds takes practice. The speech/language pathologist will assign one targeted speech sound for the child to work on each week. Find a quiet, consistent time each day to practice with the child.

Activity One: Awareness Activities for /J/ before Target Sound Practice

- Use the Listening List (below) to heighten awareness of the /J/ sound before target sound practice sessions.

Activity Two: Target Sound Practice for /J/ with words and picture cards

- Use the Target Sound Picture Cards (next page) and activities to give the child many opportunities to practice saying the /J/ sound correctly in words. Provide the child with feedback on how he/she is doing as they practice (e.g. “Great Job!”, “That was close, say it again after me.”)

Cueing strategies to get correct production of /J/ during Target Sound Practice

Child says: “delly” (for jelly)

- Say, “Let’s try that again. “Jelly.”
- Point to your mouth. Say “Watch me.” “Jelly.”
- Put your finger on your bottom lip. Let your lips pucker to give a visual cue and say “Jelly.”

Listening List /J/ at the Beginning

Say these words to your child. Have them watch and listen without repeating the word.

jar	joke	jet	jewel
jacks	jeans	jog	juggle
jelly	jazz	jeep	jump



Target Sound Practice Cards

jar



jacks



jelly



jet



jeans



jog



jar



jacks



jelly



jet



jeans



jog





Carrying over Target Sound Practice to other Times of the Day

Cut apart the cards below. Put these cards in different places in your home, in the childcare and/or school. This allows the child practice throughout the day and helps remind us the importance of using good speech skills all the time, not just at practice time. It also helps transfer correct productions into other environments, with other people, and in other word contexts. Examples of places to put these cards are:

on the bathroom mirror
on the refrigerator
in the car during travel

on his/her cubbie at daycare/school
on the doorway leaving the classroom
on his/her pillow to say before bed

<p>Ask me to say these words: jet jog jelly jar</p>	<p>Ask me to say these words: jet jog jelly jar</p>
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Child's Name: _____

Date: _____

SOUND PROBE - /J/ at the Beginning

Please complete this after you have finished the entire home program with your child. You will complete a different sound probe for each set of target words you were given. This will give the speech/language pathologist an idea of how well the target sounds transferred to words that were not practiced by your child.

Instructions:

- Say these words as naturally as possible to your child
- Have your child repeat these words after you
- Listen only for the target sounds that were practiced
- Check the appropriate box next to each word

	Correct	Incorrect
<u>J</u>ACKET	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<u>J</u>EEP	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<u>J</u>UICE	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<u>J</u>UG	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<u>J</u>UNK	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

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